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SUBJECT: IRAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INFCE

1. ALTHOUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH IRANIAN DELEGATION TO IAEA
GENERAL CONFERENCE HAVE ADDRESSED CONCEPTUAL AND ORGANIZA-
TIONAL QUESTIONS, WE DO NOT YET HAVE DEFINITIVE INPUT FROM
IRAN ON THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE CO-LEAD ROLE FOR THEM IN
SOME AREA OF THE STUDY. EARLIER DISCUSSION WITH ETEMAD
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IN WASHINGTON TOUCHED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN IRANIAN
CO-LEAD ROLE IN AREA 2, ENRICHMENT AVAILABILITY, WHICH
WE WOULD CONSIDER APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE. WE BELIEVE
WE SHOULD MAKE A FURTHER APPROACH TO GOI, TO ELICIT CURRENT
STATE OF THEIR THINKING.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE AN APPROACH USING FOLLOW-

ING POINTS AS APPROPRIATE:

A. WE ARE, IN PREPARATION FOR OCTOBER 19-21 MEETING, SUMMARIZING SITUATION WITH REGARD TO CO-LEAD ROLES IN THE EIGHT STUDY AREAS.

B. WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE VOLUNTEER FOR MOST OF THE AREAS.

C. IN VIEW OF IRANIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND LEADERSHIP ROLE IN NUCLEAR QUESTIONS, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE A CO-LEAD ROLE FOR IRAN IN SOME AREA OF THE STUDY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

D. WE HAD TALKED EARLIER ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A ROLE IN AREA 2: ENRICHMENT AVAILABILITY. THE FRG HAS OFFERED TO PLAY CO-LEAD ROLE IN THAT AREA. HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT FRANCE ALSO MAY SEEK A CO-LEAD IN THIS AREA AS WELL AS REPROCESSING AND MAY WISH TO CONSULT THE FRG ON THE MATTER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING IRAN CAN SAY ABOUT ITS INTENTION IN THIS REGARD. AN IRANIAN CO-LEAD WOULD PROVIDE ONE MAJOR CONSUMER WITH A CO-LEAD ROLE IN THIS AREA WHICH WE JUDGE TO BE DESIRABLE.

3. IF IRAN INDICATES CLEAR PREFERENCE NOT TO CO-LEAD AREA 2, BUT DOES NOT RULE OUT SOME OTHER AREA, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF CO-LEAD ROLE IN AREA 6: SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND WASTE DISPOSAL. THERE IS AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPARENT CONSENSUS THAT ALL ASPECTS OF WASTE DISPOSAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THIS STUDY GROUP, AND THAT WASTE DISPOSAL SHOULD BE DELETED FROM AREA 4. AS OF NOW SWEDEN IS A LIKELY CO-LEAD IN AREA 6, WITH A SECOND CO-LEAD NOT YET IDENTIFIED. CHRISTOPHER

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